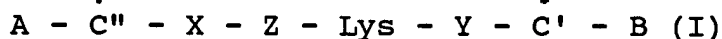


--22.

A compound of the formula



wherein A is an L, D or DL amino acid selected from the group consisting of phenylalanine (Phe), its acetylated derivatives or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

B is an L, D or DL amino acid selected from the group consisting of threonine amide (Thr NH₂), tyrosine amide (Tyr NH₂), tryptophan amide (Trp NH₂);

X is L-phenylalanine (L-Phe) or L-tyrosine (L-Tyr);

Y is L-valine (L-Val);

Z is D-tryptophan (D-Trp); and

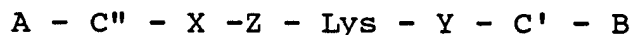
C" and C' are L or D-cysteine (Cys), -aminobutyric acid (Abu), aspartic acid (Asp) or lysine (Lys);

provided that where C' is Cys, C'' is also Cys and where C' or C'' are other than Cys, C'' is different from C' and is other than Cys;

the connecting line between C" and C' signifies a bridge selected from the group consisting of carbon/carbon, carbon/sulfur, sulfur/sulfur and amide bridges; and the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

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23. An octapeptide (reduced form) of the formula



wherein A, C", X, Z, Y, C' and B are as defined in Claim

22.--

Claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 10; line 1 of each, delete "1", insert --22-- each instance.

Cancel Claims 1, 6 and 8 without prejudice to claiming same in a continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional application hereof.

Claims 13 and 21, delete "12", insert in place thereof --23--.